

A very short and pithie Ca⁸⁰⁷
techisme : verie profitable for
all that will come prepared to the Supper
of the Lord : V Vith a forme of con-
fession, prayer and thanks giuing,
Very necessary and comfortable for
all Christian Families.

(.:.)

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the word of God at great Yarmouth : Publi-
shed at the request of the vvorshipfull and
godlie Magistrates there.*

Dente. 6. 6. 7. 8.

- 6 And these words which I commaunde thee this
day shall be in thy hart.
7 Thou shalt rehearse them continually vnto thy
Children, and shalt talke of them when thou
tarriest in thy house, and as thou walkest by the
way, and when thou lvest downe, & when thou
ryst vppe.
8 And thou shalt binde them for a signe vppon
thine hand, and they shalbe as frontlets between
thine eyes. &c.

1. Peter. 3. 15.

- 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your harts, and be
ready alwayes to giue an answer to euery man
that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in
you, with meekenes and reuerence.

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To the right worshipfull
and my deerelye beloued in the
Lord, *M. Baileifes* of great Yarmouth,
with the residue of the worshipfull Brethren, &
the whole congregation there, B. A. wysheth
increase of all true ioy, and peace, with the mul-
tiplying of all spirituall graces vpon your
soules, to the fulfilling of your
saluation in Christ
Iesus. A-
men.

HAuing drawne a verye briefe
and small Catechisme (wor-
shipful *M. Baileifes*, and the
residue of my deere Brethren) for
the priuate instruction of the pe-
tites and families of this great con-
gregation, for the better preparing
of them to the reuerent vse of the
holy Supper of the Lord, and being
required by your godly Pastor, and
diuers other, to haue it published
for the more easie helpe of the sim-
ple and ignoraunt. I, your vnwor-
thy Teacher, beeing ready to doo
what duetie I can, for the furthe-
raunce of your saluation general-
A.ii. lie,

ly, which I wish and long for, from
my very heart roote in Christ Ie-
sus : haue thought good to prefixe
these few words in way of dedica-
tion of this small thing , to your
worshippe, and the residue : presu-
ming vppon your Christian allow-
ance of my well meaning , hauing
added heerevnto a certaine forme of
confession, prayer, & thanksgiuing,
though plaine, yet I hope necessa-
rie, and comfortable for the vse of
the Christian Families of your con-
gregation . And sith God hath by
his owne hand, sette your worships
in the place of ciuill gouernment, in
this your corporation, graunted by
the noble progenitors of her Ma-
iestie, and continued stil, and vphol-
den by her gracious bounty. Let
me bee so bolde with you , as in a
word to put you in minde, and the
residue of your worshipfull cōpany
eligible to that office, what thinges
are most necessary for you to looke
vnto in that charge. God hath gy-
uen

uen you a benefite and priuiledge of
liberty, not common to all her Ma-
iesties people, that you might the
better bee fortified with meanes to
further Gods glorie in your charge:
and because I perswade my selfe of
the readines of you, and the residue
of your Brethren, to set vour hands
and helpe to each lawfull thing, ten-
ding to Gods glory, agreeable to his
word, which you all solemnly pro-
mised at my firste entrie amongst
you, and haue somewhat approued
the same, by your electing both of
faithfull & helpfull ministers of the
word, as also of so wise and godlie a
Steward among you, I resolute my
selfe of the good successe of my la-
bours, & of your willing obeisance
to the Lordes wyll propounded in
his word. You must know that the
burthen of this people lieth vppon
your shoulders, and that their eyes
looke at you, as those by whose ex-
ample the people either perish and
fall, or are preserved and staied vp,

for the fall and vprying of manie
dependeth vpon publique persons.
Therefore in a Magistrate, first is
required a religious minde,acquain-
ted with Gods counsel in his word,
that hee exercising himselfe therein
day and night, might growe wyse in
the Lords causes: for this charge is
laide vpon you from the Lorde, to
applie your selues to the worde of
God, for so it is saide of the Magi-
strate, Deu.17. *The word shalbe with
him, and he shall reade therein all the
dayes of his life, that he may learne to
feare the Lord his God, and to keepe all
the wordes of this Lawe to doo them.*
Exo.18. *Provide you among all
the people men of good courage, fea-
ring*

Psal. 1
2,

Deu. 17
19,

Iosu. 1.
8,

Exo. 18,
21

*ring God, men dealing truely, hating
 couetousnes, and appoint them to bee
 Rulers, &c. So as you see that Ma-
 gistrates must be religious, and also
 men of courage, to execute iustice in* Iosu. 1,
 all causes, not corrupt with gyftes, 7,
 nor accepting the faces of menne, Exo. 18,
 without foolish pittie, or faint-har- 21,
 ted feare, and without crueltie or re-
 uenging affections, but of al meek-
 nes & lenitie. They must performe
 all faythfulnes and truth with equi-
 tie, as those that are members of the
 same bodie, appointed to see distri-
 butiue and equall iustice to bee ad-
 ministred to each man according-
 lie, for so Moses requireth, that *they*
shalbe men dealing truely, so as they
 must not looke to men, but to the Exo. 18,
 causes, taking heede of that caueat 21,
 that Moses giueth. Exo. 23. *Thou* Exo. 23
shalt not receiue a false tale, thou shalt 12,
not follow a multitude to doo euill, ney
ther agree in a controuersie to decline
after many, and ouertrow the trueth,
&c. Neither must such neglect the
 execu-

execution of iustice against the of-
 fenders, either for feare of reproche
 or rebuke, least they countenaunce
 sinne thereby, and beare the guylt
 of other mens fals. For *because sen-*
 Eccl. 8, *tence against an euyl worke is not exe-*
 11 *cuted speedely, therefore the hart of the*
Chyldren of men is fully sette in them
 Exo. 18 *to doo euill.* In all these thinges Co-
 21. *uetousnes* must be shunned, the step-
 mother and ouerthrower of all iu-
 stice and truth, which throweth out
 the harts euen of the wise to manie
 noisome lustes, *which drowne men in*
 1, Tim, *perdition* : verie daungerous to men
 6, 9, 10 of wealth or authority , and euer
 weighting vpo that degree of men.
 VVherefore I beseeche you, good
 my worshipfull Brethren, vouch-
 safe the accepting of these instructi-
 ons written in hast , with a minde
 vnfeynedlie wishing you all good.
 Be you presidents in godly & sober
 exāple to this great people, ouersee
 your own households first, that they
 may be patterns & lights of godlie
 disci-

discipline to others. Remember Ioshua his protestation, *I and my household will serue the Lord.* Iosu. 24 Remember Nehemiah, who enforced hys owne example and his seruantes, to perswade his brethren to iustice and loue. Neh. 5. Remember how *Cornelius and his household feared God.* Act. 10. Nowe then beioued, as you loue the Lorde, as you tender your owne soules, and your charges, as you beare naturall affection to your common safetie, and happines, I beseeche you in the bowels of Iesus Christ, indeuour to these thinges, both small and great, that you may profite in the worke of your saluation, so shall you be famous in the church of God & common weale, you shall glad the soules of vs, that labor amongst you in the word, you shall bring glory to God, & eternal happines to your selus in the day of Christ Iesus. Let Gods booke be orderlie read with reuerence, daily in your families, let prayer be exercised in your householdes and vouchsafe

safe to helpe them in this small Ca-
techisme, that they may be fitte for
further instruction. Giue dilligence
to harken to the word of lyfe, and to
put in vre these fewe prayers in this
little booke or other, with humili-
tie, reuerence, a liuelie sence and fee-
ling of your miserie, faith, thankful-
nes, hope, and with vnfaigned desire
of profiting in all dueties, of fayth
and loue towards God & your bre-
thren. For *I liue if you stande in the
fayth*: and sith God hath vouchsa-
fed the blessed tidinges of saluation
vppon you in the ministrie of hys
word, embrace it with thankfulnes,
and studie for all christian peace and
vnitie among your selues, fearing
God, furthering his holyc religion,
and all dueties of loue among men,
that so our Towne may flourish
and prosper in all thinges, otherwise
wee can hope of no blessing at the
hand of God. There is great cause
why care should bee hadde heerein.
Your Towne bordering vppon the
sea,

sea, is in perrill to forraine inuasi-
ons, and to be steyned with the cor-
rupt manners of other Countries,
to drinke in iniquitie euen as water,
therefore the more care to be hadde
ouer it. Christ sawe such Townes
bordering on the Seas to be in most
daunger sundrie wayes, and there-
fore frequēted them most, & vouch-
safed his presence & doctrine chief-
liest amongst them. This is my
sute to your worshippes, this is my
sute to the whole company, to the
whole congregation, yea to euery
soule amongst you, *If ye euer recei-* Phil, 2,
ued comfort in Christ, if euer you had 1,
loue to the brethren, if euer any fellow
ship of the spirit, if any compassion &
mercy, that you fulfyll my ioy, Euen
in this, to be of one minde in doc-
trine, of one consent in a godly and
christian life, to apply all dueties of
Gods worship, to haue care of your
families, instructing, teaching, and
calling vpon them to be catechised,
to reade & heare the word, bee your
selues

selues forward therein , exercising
prayer, reading and hearing of the
word, in faith & good conscience,
that so by christian exercises, your
faith and obedience may be increa-
sed, your families reformed , your
Towne happily gouerned , that o-
thers may take example by you,
God may be glorified, all spirituall
blessings may be heaped vpon you,
and continued to your posterity af-
ter you , vnto many generations,
your selues may in the ende receiue
the possession of euerlasting life,
with Christ Iesus in the kingdome
of God : to whose blessed tuition
I commend you, and yours, pray-
ing the Lorde to multiplie all hys
graces, and mercies vppon you, and
the whole people , to keepe you
in safetie from the daunger of ene-
mies, to sanctify you in his trueth,
to blesse you in your gouernment,
the people in obeying, and to make
you perseuere in all good workes , to
doe

doo his wyll, working in you that
which is pleasant in his sight, tho-
rough Iesus Christe. To whome
with the Father and the holy spirit
be all prayse and honor for euer and
euer. Amen.

Your worships to vse in
in the Lord, hartely desirous
of your good and salua-
tion in Christ Iesus.
B. Andrewes.





An order of prayer , or
a preparation to the reading of the
word in your families.

*Let vs prepare and stirre vppe our
minde by prayer, that we may reade
the word of God with profite.*

O Lord our God, who in thy
wisdom and mercy hast
appointed thy holie worde
as the wholesome nourishment
of our soules , that by reading,
hearing, and musing thereon, we
might growe vpp vnto saluati-
on : We beseeche thee to pardon
all our sinnes, for Iesus Christe
his sake, take away the corrupti-
on of our nature, purge and sanc-
tify our harts, that we may read
thy word at all times with reue-
rent mindes, so as we may daily
be

be bozne againe , confyrmmed in
faith, reformed in our manners,
furthered in knowledge and obe-
dience, strengthened against all
temptations, furnished with pa-
tience against all tryals, and fy-
nally be made fruitfull in al good
wozkes, resembling thy Image,
and growing vppe into full holi-
nes & righteousnes in thy sight,
til we are perfited in the hea-
uens with Christ Iesus
our Lord. A-

men.

Let vs harken with reuerence to the
holie word of the Lord our God
wzitten in such oꝝ such a Cha-
piter and Booke. &c.

A breefe and short Ca-
techisme, made for the vse of hous-
holdes, and to be learned of all those
that vwill be admitted to the
Lords Supper. By
B. A.

Minister.

TO what ende did God make you?

Aunswere.

That I might serue him ac- Lu, 1, 74
cording to his worde, by dooing Eph, 4,
his wil, in righteousness and true 24
holines all my life.

Minister.

VVhere shall you learne what is thys
myll of God?

Aunswere.

In his word and Lawe.

Minister.

Rehearse that Law of God.

Aunswere.

God spake and said, I am the Lord Exo, 20,
thy God. &c.

Aunswere.

VVhat cheefely doth thys lawe require
B. i. of

of you?

Answer.

(a)
Deut, 6

4,

(b) De.

6, 5, et

10, 12

Luk, 10

27

Ma, 22,

37,

(c) Mat

22, 39

Ro, 13

8, 7, 10

(d) Le.

19, 8,

First, that I shoulde acknow-
ledge (a) one onely God, & serue
him in all purenes, (b) with all
my hart, soule, minde, strength,
will, and thoughts, in all thinges
according to his worde. Second-
lie, that I shoulde walke in (c)
loue, faithfulness, and trueth with
all men, doing dueties of consci-
ence in my calling, and (d) louing
my neighbour as my selfe.

Minister.

*Are you able of your selfe to doo hys
wyll, and keepe this his Lawe?*

Answer.

Nothing lesse.

Minister.

Why so.

Answer.

(a) Ro.
5, 18

(b) Ro,
8, 7

Because of my corrupt nature,
which (a) with Adam is fallen
from the state of innocencie, (b)
and so is not obedient to the law
of G O D.

Minister

Minister.

What are you by nature then?

Answer.

The (a) childe of wrath and (b) a sinner.

(a)
Eph, 2, 3
(b)
Ro, 6, 20

Minister.

What is sinne.

Answer.

Euerie (a) breaking or (b) neglecting of any commandement of God, and (c) the not doing of euerie duetie commanded is sin.

(a)
1, Ioh, 3, 4
(b)
Neh, 9, 34
Heb, 2, 3,
(c)
Neh, 1, 7
Gal, 3, 10

Minister.

What is the rewarde of sinne.

Answer.

The (a) curse of God, (b) a death with (c) euerlasting woe and perdition, of soule and bodie.

(a) Gal, 3, 10
(b) Ro, 6, 23
(c) Mar, 9, 48

Minister.

Then by euery breaking of the Lawe, you dayly deserue death, and procure Gods curse.

Mat, 25, 46
2, Thes, 1, 9,
Eze, 18,

Answer.

It is verie true.

Minister.

How shall you be freed from this curse

B. II.

An-

Answer.

Ga, 3, 13

**By Iesus Christ my Saviour
and redeemer.**

Minister.

What did he for you.

Answer.

(a) **He was both (a) perfect God that**
Ro, 9, 5 he might be able (b) to overcome
Col, 2 death for me, and also he was
9 perfect (c) man, that he might (d)
He, 1, 3, suffer death and Gods wrath for
(b) He, 2, 14, my sinnes, and so in bothe these
(c) Mat 1, 25, natures together, he fully satisfi-
Ga, 4, 4 fied the iustice of God for me, and
(d) Heb 2, 11, purchased my saluation.

Col, 1

22,

Minister

What moued God thus to saue you.

Answer.

**His onely meere loue, fauoure
and mercie, without any respect
of my worthines.**

Minister.

*How are you assured of this mercy of
G O D.*

Answer.

By a true faith in Christ.

Minister

Minister

Rehearse the summe of your fayth.

Answer.

I beleeue in God the father almighty. &c.

Minister.

What breefely doo you gather out of these articles.

Answer.

My faith is assured heerein, that
God the father (a) of his owne
good will, (b) gaue his sonne Ie-
sus Christ, very God and man to
redeeme mee from sinne by hys
death and passion, & (c) sending
out his holie spirite into mee, to
cause Christ his (d) death & life
to be effectuell to renue me (e) in-
to a new life, he hath made me of
his Church and companie of be-
leeuers, sanctified to doo hys will
here, & to glorifie him in euerla-
sting life in the world to come.

(a) Ioh. 3. 1
(b) Rom. 8, 3
Eph. 5, 2
Tit. 2, 14,
(c) Rom. 8, 9
2, Cor. 5, 5,
1, Ioh. 4, 13,
(d) Rom. 8, 10.
(e) ct 6, 4.

Minister.

Wherefore dyd Christ thus suffer and dye.

Answer.

Answer.

Ro. 4, 25 **For my sinnes.**

Minister.

what profite haue you by his death.

Answer.

(a) Ephesi, I haue (a) forgiveness of sinnes,
1, 7, (b) the mortification of my flesh,
(b) Ro. 6, 6, and the (c) appeasing of Gods
(c) Col 1, 20, wrath.

Minister.

*what meane you by his descending
into hell.*

Answer.

(a) Esa. Not that Christ went into the
53, 4, 5, place of torments with his soule
(b) Act 2, 24, or bodie, but that for a time he (a)
(c) Mat 26, 38, felt his fathers wrath; and the
42 (b) dolers of eternall death in his
Luke (c) soule and conscience heere on
22, 43 earth for vs, that hee might bee a
Hebr, 5 redeemer as well of the soule as
7 of the body.

Minister.

*what profit haue you by his resurrec-
tion?*

Answer.

I haue

I haue (a) righteousness a gage
(b) of my immortality, and (c)
newnes of life.

(a)
Ro. 4, 15

(b)

1, Cor,

15, 20.

(c)

Rom, 6

4

Minister.

*What vse make you of the article con-
cerning the holy Ghost.*

Answer.

I learne therein, & it is God the
holy (a) ghost only which maketh
Christ his death and life profitable
to me (b) by renewing my hart
to the obedience of Gods wil, and
working faith in me to apply the
merits of Christ to my selfe, and
by the same spirite, God gather-
eth a Church to himselfe in
all (c) the world by his worde.

(a)

Ioh, 6,

63, et 14,

26

(b)

Ioh, 3, 6

(c)

Ioh, 10,

16

Minister.

*How doth Gods spirite worke faith in
you?*

Answer.

By the word of God preached.

Ro, 10, 14

Minister.

*What are the meanes to increase, nou-
rish, and uphold your faith.*

Answer.

B. iiii.

The

**The hearing of the word of God
preached, the vse of the Sacra-
ments and of prayer.**

Minister.

*wyll you then bee dilligent to heare
the word, to vse the Sacraments, and
to frequent prayer, that your fayth
may be increased.*

Answer.

Yea by Gods grace.

Minister.

what is a Sacrament?

Answer.

(a) Gen
17. 11,
Rom,
4, 11.

**A Sacrament is an outboard (a)
seale ioyned vnto y word, which
visibly representeth vnto vs spi-
rituall thinges, and assureth our
faith of Gods promises declared
in his word.**

Minister.

*Howe many Sacraments hath God or-
deyned?*

Answer.

**Two, Baptisme and the Supper
of the Lord.**

Minister.

How doth Baptisme profit your fayth?

Answer

Answer.

fyrst, by assuring mee that I am
(a) one with Christ, Secondly,
that I am (b) begotten againe,
(c) from sinne into a newe lyfe.
Thirddie, by being a pledge of (d)
the forgiuenes of my sinnes, for
as the water clenseth the body,
so our soules by (e) the bloode of
Christ are purged from sinne.

(a) Rom.

6, 3, 5.

1, Cor,

12, 13.

(b) Iohn.

3, 3, 5

(c) Col,

2, 11

(b) Mat,

3, 6,

Act, 2, 38,

(c) Heb.

9, 12.

1. Pet. 3

22

1. Ioh.

1. 7.

Apo. 1. 5

Minister.

*what profit hath your fayth by the
Lords Supper.*

Answer.

Euen this: that as outwardly I
receiue the breade and wine to
nourish my bodie, so (a) inward-
ly I receiue Christ by faith, euen
as mine owne, whose bodye (b)
and bloode clenseth mee from sin,
and nourisheth mee to eternall
life.

(a) 1. Col.

10, 16, &

12, 13,

(b) Cor,

1, 14. 22

Minister.

*Doo you receiue the very body & blood
of Christ really in the bread?*

Answer.

Nothing.

Ioh, 6
63,

**Nothinglesse, but onelie spiritu-
allie by faith.**

Minister.

*Howe shall you come worthely to the
Lords supper?*

Answer.

**When I come with faith and re-
pentance.**

Minister.

*How shall you knowe when you come
to the communion with fayth?*

Answer.

(a)
Pl. 103,
1, 2,
1. Cor,
11, 24
(b)
Mat, 26
28
**First, if I acknowledge mine
owne pouertie and wants, con-
fesse the mercies of God (a) with
thanksgiuing, Secondlie, when
I assure my selfe of the (b) forgive-
nes of my sins, by the death and
sacrifice of Christ onely.**

Minister.

*How shall you know when you come
with repentance.*

Answer.

(a)
1. Cor
11, 28
(b)
2. Cor,
7, 10
**First, if I (a) examine and proue
my heart, and am truely (b) gree-
ued for my sinnes, (c) confessing
them**

them befoze God, and forſaking
them, Secondlie, if I vnfaignedlie
purpose to walke (d) in a newe
life, that is, in holines to GOD,
and true loue to my neighbour,
(e) reconciling my selfe to them
that I offende, and (f) forgiuing
others that I may be forgiuen.

(c)
Pro, 23,

13,
Mat, 3,

6
(d)

Mat, 3,

8
(e)

Mat, 5,

23, 24,
(f)

Mat, 6,
14, 15,

Col, 3, 13,

Minister.

What doth the bread broken signifie.

Answer.

It signifieth the bodie of Christe
broken for my sinnes.

Minister.

What doth the wine signifie.

Answer.

The blood of Christe shed for my
sinnes.

Minister.

*What differeth baptisme from the
Lords supper, sith they both betoken
the remission of sinnes.*

Answer.

Baptisme, grafteth vs into
Christ by regeneration in hope
of remission of sinnes. The Sup-
per

1, Cor
22, 13

per nourisheth vs being grafted
to feele the power of death, and re
surrectiō of Christ, dailie streng
thening our faith into a newe
life.

Minister.

*why receiue you Baptisme but once in
all your life, and the supper of the Lord
often times.*

Answer.

1, Cor,
11, 24
25,

Because that as we neede but
once to be bozne, so we neede but
once to be baptised, but as wee
neede often to be fedde to nourish
our bodie in life, so must wee of
ten receiue the Lordes supper, to
confirm our faith, and to testify
our thankfull remembraunce of
Christes death.

Minister.

*It seemeth then that you must needes
haue your hart touched for your sinnes
when you come to the communion &
repenting your former life, and you
must come with hope of forgiuenes.*

Answer.

It is very true, els can I haue no
comfort or benefite by it, therfore
I pray God to touch my hart a-
right for my sinnes, and to par-
don them, that I may come wor-
thelie therevnto.

Minister.

*Doo you take this Sacrament then as a
pledge of Gods loue in forgiuing your
sinnes, & doo you purpose and professe
unfeynedly amendment of life, and to
liue with your brethren in christian
loue?*

Answer.

Yea indeede, and I make thys an
vtter renouncing of my former
life, that by Gods grace I maye
hereafter lead a new life, which
grace God grant me. Amen.

Minister.

*So doing I (as the minister of God) re-
ceiue you to the comunty of the Iaints
of God, and seale vnto you the mercies
of God by the authority of his worde,
to your euerlasting comfort in Christe
Iesus.*

Answer

The

The Lord giue me grace to walk
woorthy of his calling in his
feare all my life, & I may bee ac-
ceptable to him in Iesus Christ.
Amen.

Minister

*vvill you exercise your fayth in pray-
ing for these things daily.*

Aunswer.

Yea by Gods grace.

Minister.

vvhat is prayer.

Aunswer.

**It is to aske all good thinges at
the hand of God, and to giue him
thanks for all things receiued.**

Minister.

To whom vvill you make your prayers?

Aunswere.

To God alone.

Minister.

*vvho directeth your affections in pray-
er?*

Aunswer.

**The spirite of God, which ma-
keth (a) request according to the
vvill of God in his Saints.**

Mini.

Rom,
8,27

Minister.

Howe are your prayers acceptable.

Answer.

Heb, 13

15,

1, Pet, 2

5,

By Iesus Christ.

Minister.

By what rule wyll you frame your prayers?

Answer.

By that order of Christ, set down to his Disciples, which wee call the Lords prayer.

Mat. 6

9,

Minister

Repeate it.

Answer.

Our Father which art in heauen.

&c.

Minister.

what is the summe of this prayer?

Answer.

firste, wee pray here for all thinges that may make to the glory of God, and aduancing of hys name, for the enlarging of his kingdome, and the performance of his wyl in all thinges.

Second

Secondly, we pray for al thinges
needefull for our selues, bothe for
our bodies and soules, that so by
the direction of his grace and spi
rite, we beeing freed from sinne,
may serue him frelie, in righte
ousnes and holines all our lyfe,
which grace, God graunt me
and all hys people.
Amen.

Finis quod B. Andrewes.



A forme of confession.



Lord our God, moſte
louing, gracious, and
mercifull Father, to
whom belongeth right
teouſnes, and mercie,
compaſſyon and forgiuenes, to vs
belongeth ſhame and confuſion of
faces, becauſe we haue tranſgreſſed,
in not obeying thy voice, and in
breaking all thy holy commaunde-
mentes: for wee acknowledge (O
Lord) that euen in our conception
we were enfolden in the gylt of con-
demnation, beeing conceiued in ſin,
and borne the children of wrath,
and from thencefoorth haue wan-
dred in vngodly pathes, and in the
wayes of deſtruction: ſin hauing

C.i,

entred

entred vppon all the partes of our
whole man, hath wholie corrupted
both our wyll and vnderstanding:
our thoughtes are prophane, our
imaginacions worldlie, our desyres
carnall and vncleane, our iudgments
corrupt, whereby wee haue beene
disobedient to thy heauenlye wyll,
ignoraunt, stubborne, malicious,
impacient, enuious, full of selfe-
loue, full of hypocrisie, finallye,
fraught with all euill concupiscen-
ces, and voyde of grace, till thou
dydest touch our hartes by thy
Spyrite and worde, and calledst vs
to sanctification. Yea, and since
thou haste called vs by the preach-
ing of thy Gospel, O Lorde what
finnes and corruptions haue clouen
vnto vs stil, so as the workes of thy
grace begunne in vs, doo so scarce-
ly appeare, as that thou mayst iust-
ly withdrawe from vs those gra-
ces which thou hast trusted vs with
For we confesse we haue abused thy
grace receiued, neglecting the mea-
nes

nes of our saluation : Our zeale is
colde, our fayth is weake, our hope
languisheth, our repentaunce is
maymed and barren, not yeelding
such fruite as may plainly approue
our sanctification : VVee are for-
getful of thy goodnes, and vnthank
full for thy mercies.

Alas L O R D, all the coste that
thou haste bestowed, and charge
that thou haste beene at, in gyuinge
thy sonne Christe Iesus to shed hys
deere heart bloode for our synnes,
hath not gaged our bowelles wyth
godlie sorrowe vnto repentaunce,
nor affected vs wyth loue of thee a-
gaine. Euen thys (Lorde) is enough
to condemne vs, if wee hadde no-
thing els to wytnesse againste vs,
that we so slenderlie account of the
death of thy Sonne, and so retch-
leslye and forgetfullye thinke of
it.

Yf thou shouldest forget all our
sinnes past, the vanities of our for-
mer daies, and frailtie of our youth,

C.ii.

that

that none of these shold be thought
vppon , yet our present sinnes and
slippings sithens our calling, would
condemne vs downe to hell. Yea, if
our present sinnes should bee passed
ouer, yet our readines to slide, and
transgresse in time to come, would
argue vs guilty of death. Yea, and
more then this (Lorde) in that wee
haue not rightlie sorrowed, nor re-
pentred vs vnfeynedlie of these e-
uils, we stand guiltie before thee, as
also in that the sinnes of our fore-
fathers, wherevnto wee stand intite-
led, remaine vnforrowed for by vs,
the staine whereof, hath set a purple
die vpon vs, so deepe as wee can ne-
uer wash off, except thy free pardō:
all these things call for iudgements
not onelie vppon vs, but also vppon
our posterity. Oh how haue we de-
spised thy Lawes? howe haue wee
neglected the preachinge of thy
worde, the instrument of our salua-
tion? how haue we wayted on our
owne lustes, seruing as apprentices
vnto

vnto sinne? Howe haue we refused
thy counsell, and sette instruction
at naught: we haue set more by the
world then by thy word, wee haue
spent as prodigall children, the
strength of our young yeeres in va-
nitie, and haue drunke in iniquitie
as water: our cares haue beene for
the world, and our owne pleasures
and profits, not for thy glorie, vvee
haue murmured & grudged when
thou hast crossed vs with any afflic-
tion or trouble, we haue forgotten
thee in our prosperitie, and growen
wanton and vnthankfull. Our con-
science in trayning vp our families
and children in thy feare, O Lorde
how small hath it beene, our selues
haue beene ill presidents to them,
in loofenes of behauour, in idle
talkes and iestes that are not come-
lie. VVe haue beene impatient and
vnequall in our gouernment, to au-
stere in smaller offences against our
selues, and sometime to remisse, in
flender passyng ouer of greater of-

fences concerning thy glorie, wee
haue sought our selues & our own
commodities, & not thee, wee haue
disobeyed our parents and betters,
& so haue left our selues small hope
of obedience at the handes of those
that are vnder vs. And as for our
brethren and neighbours, to whom
we should approoue our loue by all
christian dueties, heere Lorde wee
stand deeply charged of much guil
tines, howe vnduetifull to our pa
rents, Princes, Gouvernours, Tea
chers, pastors, and all our betters,
not carefullie praying for them, nor
procuring them what honour and
good that wee can in our callings,
nor carrying humble mindes to
ward our equalles or inferiours, We
haue beene impacient, full of vnna
turall affections, malicious, conten
tious, yea, howe vncharitable haue
we beene in iudging others, in ta
king vnkindnes at euery occasion,
not forgiuing nor forbearing when
quarrels haue ryfen, but are too rea
dye

die to gyue occasion and to prouoke
to displeasure : we haue not labou-
red for peace as it became vs. Howe
vnstayed, vnchaste, and intemperate
haue our words & affections been,
how vniust haue wee beene in our
thoughtes and meaninges, not stu-
dying for trueth and equity in loue,
but through couetous affections
haue sometimes intruded into the
commodities of others. How haue
we not spared the name of our bre-
thren, not touched with the ten-
der regarde of their credite, some-
time hearing, beleeuing, and publy-
shing of slaunders, and vntruethes
against our neyghboures, or els by
reucaling the vttermost agaynste
them, haue rushed agaynste theyr
good name. Yea (Lorde) we haue
hurte manie by our example, and
haue not doone that good which
we myght haue doone to our bre-
thren, nor made conscience of of-
fences against them.

C.4.

All

All these things (O deere Father) argue vs guiltie, and presse vs, by increasing the euidence of our accusation : but if we should (O lord) stand to rippe vpp our wants in thy seruice, we should not know where to beginne, nor where to ende, they are so infinite. In a word (Lord) we haue broken the holie league of our obedience, neglected thy worship, not fearing, louing, nor trusting in thee as we ought : wee haue not soughte to thee in our needes, nor harkened to thy word in the ministrie therof, we haue dishallowed thy name, transgressed al thy lawes, and made hauocke of thy heauenly statuts, all our life hath beene a dishonour vnto thee : and nowe O Lord euen our God, what remayneth for vs in thy iustice, if thou shouldest measure vs by our selues, but euen thy fearefull curse, and banishment from thy presence, so as thou mightest throwe vs downe to hell, and shewe the power of thy
wrath

wrath vpon vs, by heaping on vs all
thy fearefull plagues and curses,
writte in the law against transgres-
sors . If wee shoulde looke to the
heauens, they can not helpe vs, yf
wee looke downe to the earth, no
comfort can be founde : if we seeke
for men to be our aduocates , they
all stand condemned with the sons
of *Adam* : if wee sue to Angels, it
booteth not, for thou hast founde
follie in them : if we shoulde pleade
Lawe with thee, loe, the sentence of
death alreadie is passed against vs, if
wee resort to thy diuine maiestie,
there terror dismayeth vs , thou art
iust and canst not away with iniqui-
tie, and we Lorde, what are wee to
stand in thy sight, whether then shal
we flie from thy presence, and wher
shal we be reskued from the terrour
and guilt of our sinnes, and the feare
of thy iudgments : Beholde Lorde
thy deere sonne Christe Iesus, that
immaculate Lambe, he is our redee-
mer and sauiour, our iustifier, our
aduoc-

aduocate, who as a louing *Samaritan*e hath salued our woundes, satisfied thy Lawe, borne thy curse for vs, and stepping out betweene vs & thee, hath payd the raunsome of all our trespasses : in him wee knowe thou canst not bee displeased with vs. O Lord heauenlie father, wee therefore most humblie pray thee for his sake to be mercifull vnto vs, in pardoning all our sinnes, and turning all these iudgements from vs, which we confesse wee haue deserued to be executed vpon our soules and bodies, for wee acknowledge thou mightest iustlie plague vs, for that we haue not vsed the faculties and powers of our soules & mindes to thy glory, our wits and wisdomes haue warred against thee, and wee haue spent our counsels in vayne thinges, so as thou mightest depriue vs of our wittes, and possesse vs with follie and madnes, or throw vs vppe to errors and stronge illusions, because wee haue not beleued thy

thy trueth, thou mightest also with
drawe from vs the vse of our mem-
bers, which wee haue too long lette
out to Satan and vncleanenes, and
haue not serued thee in our senses
and members as wee ought. And
whereas thou hast heaped benefites
infinitelic vpon vs, haste trusted vs
with life, health, wealth, prosperi-
tie and peace, wee haue beene vn-
thankfull for them, & abused them,
so as thou mightest Lord turne our
life into death, our wealth into woe,
our health into dangerous sicknes,
and diseases, our prosperitie into
aduersitie, our peace into warre, our
plenty into scarcitie & dearth, & so
punish the earth for our sins as thou
hast by some pettie iudgements be-
gun oft to call vs to repentance, but
we haue not regarded, neither bene-
fites nor scourges can mooue vs to
humble and tame vs, except thou
O Lord put to thine hand.

O deere Father, suffer vs not to
sinne in hardnesse of hart, and in vn-
kindnes

kindnes towards thy maiestie, or a-
gainst the meanes & offers of grace
but touch vs, we pray thee with a
true remorse of conscience for our
sinnes, which we heere vnfaynedlie
cōfesse before thee, frame our harts
to true repentaunce, accept this Sa-
crifice of our confessyon & sorrow
for our iniquities, pardon all our
sinnes, burie them in the graue of
thy Sonne, forget and forgiue them
and cause vs to turne vnto thee, for
we are ashamed of our selues, and
abhorre our selues, repenting vs of
all our sinnes from our harts: wher-
fore (Lord) heare, O Lord forgiue,
O Lord consider and shew mercy,
& receiue vs vnto fauour, for wyth
thee onelie is mercy and compassy-
on: thou onelie forgiuest sinnes, we
renounce our selues wholie, and all
our owne worthines, wee appeale
from all others to thee alone, ther-
fore accept of vs in thy beloued son
Christ Iesus, renue vs by thy spirit,
guyde vs in thy wayes, sanctifie vs
in

in thy truth, keepe vs in awe, that
we may spende all our time in thy
seruice, doing dueties to thee & our
brethren in our callings, all our life.
that so we feeling of thy grace, wor-
king in vs vnto sanctification, and a
newe life, may gather assuraunce of
the full forgiuenes of all our sinnes,
and so with comfort and ioy, finish
our christian course, giuing good
example to our brethren, and glo-
rifying thy name vppon the earth,
and finallie may praise thee in the
heauens, without all corruption, in
perfect holines, and so be glori-
fied with all thy saintes,
through Iesus Christ
our Lorde. A-
men.



A forme of prayer.

O Lorde our moste gracious,
good, and mercifull Father,
we thy seruants, & the work
manshyps of thy handes, fall downe
before thy high maiestie, humblye
acknowledging our manifolde and
heynous sinnes, whereby wee haue
broken thy holie Lawes, and iustly
deserued euen eternall death & con-
demnation at thy handes. V Ve doo
heere most instantly vpon the knees
of our harts, sue vnto thy fatherlye
clemencie, for pardon and forgiue-
nes of all our sinnes whatsoeuer, &
for the remoouing & keeping backe
of all thy iudgements frō vs, which
we by our sins haue iustlie deserued
and accept of vs and our prayers,
wherewith we present thy maiestie,
in the name and mediation of thy
sonn

sonne Christe Iesus, preparing our
harts with reuerence & faith to call
vpon thee. And whereas wee were
borne in sinne and iniquitie, where
by we are altogether corrupt, & are
more rightlie intituled to death and
condemnation then to life, we pray
thee (most merciful father) to renue
vs by thy holie spirite, and to roote
out of vs all those euil rootes of our
concupiscence, clensing vs from all
that which sauoureth of our selues,
and of vncleanenes. Purge our euyl
thoughtes, our prophane imagina
tions, and carnall lustes. Yea Lorde,
wee humblye pray thee, scoure our
harts from all hypocrisie, from all
contempt of thee and of thy holyc
word, from all ignoraunce of thee,
false worship, incredulity & distrust
of thy fatherlie prouidence, & from
murmuring at thy hand in afflictio.
Let vs not prophane thy most ho
ly name, cyther in worde, deede, or
thought, nor dishallow thy Sabba
thes, but cleaue to al thy ordināces
Throw

Throwe out of vs (O Lorde) all
selfe-loue, contempt against others,
pride, wrath, impacience, vncharita-
bilities, all vnnaturall affections, vn-
mercifulnes, desire of reuenge, ha-
tred and enuie, all fornications, vn-
orderly and wanton lustes, intem-
perancie and vnchaste behauiour, al
worldlie mindednes, couetousnes,
deceite and iniurie, all slanderous
wordes and surmises against our
brethren. All these things wee
pray thee to remooue out of vs, and
to sanctifie our harts, to the obedi-
ence of all thy holie commaunde-
ments, that we may dailie be refor-
med to thy Image, in true holines
and righteousness, expressing dueties
to thee & our brethren, with a care-
full conscience. Take vppe our
thoughtes and affections (O lord)
that they may affect and long after
thee day and night, and that the
counsels of our harts may muse on
thee and thy holie wyll: and dwell
thou wholie in our soules and bo-
dies,

bodies, directing our wyls, our iudgments and vnderstanding, our speeches and all our actions, that in our whole manne wee may serue thee. Good Lord plant in vs, wee praye thee, the true loue and feare of thy name, increase the knowledg of thy word in vs, with faith, zeale, and iudgment, that we may reuerence & obey it in our soules, studying to shewe the fruite therof in our liues. VVorke and increase a true & liuelie faith in vs, whereby wee may cleaue to thee, and thine euerlasting promises in Christ Iesus, and may depend vpon thy prouidence in all estates of thys mortall lyfe, without murmuring or repyning at thy hand, in sicknes, pouerty, imprisonment, persecution, or in any affliction eyther of bodie or minde, patientlie bearing all crosses, knowing that thereby thou correctest our sinnes, as a father, seeking our amedment. On the otherside, let vs not be remisse, carelesse and forgetful in

D. i.

our

our prosperitie, but may in wealth
& woe acknowledge thy hand with
thankfulnes and reuerence, reioy-
cing that howsoeuer thou dealest
with vs in outward things, yet thou
art so our father in Christe, that
thou canst not deny vs anie thing,
that may bee to the benefite of our
soules, or to our safetie in the life to
come, sith that we haue interest euen
vnto thy self in Christ our sauiour,
And sith thou hast trusted vs wyth
thine owne name and glorie, which
in thy gospel shineth vnto vs. O
giue vs grace to seeke the enlarging
of thy kingdome, by furthering thy
Gospel in the ministrie thereof, to
our power, being ielious ouer thy
name, that our speeches, thoughtes,
or dooings, may not saueur of con-
tempt against thee, nor suffer thee
to be dishonoured of others, if wee
may anie way hinder it: neyther
let our life be so loose, as occasion
should be taken there from by men
to blaspheme thy name. But Lorde
guyde

guyde vs so by thy grace, that our
godlie and sober life amongst men,
may be a comelines, a glorie, and an
honour vnto thee, to bring credite
to our professyon.

(For alas Lord) heerein we haue
beene traitors vnto thee, to betray
thy glorie into the reprochefull
tongues of godlesse men for want
of watchfulnes and guidaunce in
our wayes. Direct vs therefore O
Lorde, in thy whole worshyppe,
in spirite and trueth, and stirre vs
vp, that we may approue our fayth
by carefull and continuall hearing,
reading, and musing of thy worde,
by exercising prayer, both publique-
lie with the assemblie of people, and
priuate lie by our selues and with
our families, that we may acknow-
ledge thee to be our God, in seeking
vnto thee for all thinges, and retur-
ning thanks vnto thee, as from
whom commeth euery good thing.

Gyue vs fayth and repentaunce
in the vse of thy Sacramentes,

D.ii.

that

that we rightlie frequenting all holie exercises of thy worshippe, may sanctifie thy Sabbaothes, and increase our faith, feare, and loue towards thee. Furthermore we pray thee O LORD, teach vs to put on all affections of loue towards our brethren, being indued with meeknes, humblenes of minde, patience, forbearing and forgiuing one another, when there are quarrels, euen as Christ hath forgiuen vs, so as we may liue in all christian manner amongst men, without iarres, & contentions, in all courteous, true, and iust dealing, in our affayres and busines, not vsing any vnlawfull artes or practises, for the increase of our commodities & pleasures, but faithfully labouring in our callings, may depend vpon thy promises, approving our faith. Let the name and credite of our brethren & neighbors be precious vnto vs, that by no mutteringes, surmisings, reports, or light credence, wee impayre their good name,

name, and when we meete with flā-
ders or reproches, giue vs grace to
beare our selues lowly & hūble, see-
king redresse without bitternes of
spirit, knowing howe Christ in the
like cases hath suffered. And be-
cause wee can not alwaies enioye
peace and libertye, vnder the profes-
sion of thy Goīpell. O Lorde our
God, wee pray thee let vs not onelie
nowe in these dayes of our safetie,
allowe and cleaue vnto thy trueth,
whilest others doo accompanye vs
in professyon, whilst Princes beare
vs out, freendes doo countenaunce
vs, whilst our wiues, children, landes
and possessyon abide by vs, and all
thinges smile vpon vs: but O deere
Father, if euer our sinnes should pro-
cure persecution for thy trueth, so
as companions shoulde leaue vs,
freendes fayle vs, the cruel lookes of
Princes, and their bloodye handes
should be turned vppon vs, when
mercilesse imprisonment, the glitte-
ring sword, the shaking speare, or
D.iii. fiery

fierie flame should with terror threaten death, when banishment & exile shalbe for native soile, when our deere wiues and tender babes, with woeful cryes & wringing of hands, on the one side shall mooue the bowels of pittie, the raging fire or other fearefull tortures of death on the other side, shall mooue terror & discouragement, Oh, euen then Lord, we poore wretches and wormes vnable of our selues to abide the heerefaie of death, doo beseeche thee to fortifie our faith, giuing vs patience, confidence and hope vnto the ende, that as thou haste giuen vs a desire to holde out, which is a pledge of our continuance, so thou maist stil vphold vs with the tast of the ioyes to come, that in Christ we may abide vnto the ende, so as nothing may seperate vs from the loue of God which is in Christe Iesus our Lord.

O Lorde therefore giue vs grace in our prosperitie, to mortifie our affecti-

affections bothe from sinne and the world, that it make vs not vnfit for the yoke, and vnrulie. Thou knowest Lord the desire of our soules, O performe these things vnto vs for Iesus Christ his sake. VVe further pray thee (O Lorde) to be president and gouernour of vs and our families, directing vs sincerelie in all thy wayes, that we giue not euill example either in worde or deede, not raging in our affections, ruling by them; but moderate thou our affections and speeches in all our domesticall gouernment, that wee may rule ouer them in thy name, beeing neyther too seuerer nor too remisse, that so man and wife, with theyr families, may liue togeather religiously, soberlie, and peaceably, wyth freer vse of prayer, and other holy exercises.

O LORDE, blesse our Seruauntes & chyl dren wyth obedient and duetifull hearts to thy maiestie, and vnto vs for thee, beeing with-

out murmuring, vnfaithfulnes, re-
plying or stubborne answeres, but
peaceable, lowlie, and tractable. Ban-
nish from them all swearing, lying,
pryde, cursed speaking, slaundering,
ryot, and all intemperancie. And
though by our sinnes thou mightest
take aduantage to throwe out
our children to thy curse, and to
with holde thy grace frō them, yet
pardon thou our sinnes for thy mer-
cies sake, and continue thy graces
to vs, and to our posterity after vs,
to many generations. O Lorde, be-
cause also nothing can prosper
without thy blessinge (though wee
care and toyle) blesse thou therefore
and prosper all the affayres of our
lawfull callinges, this day and euer
hceerafter, that we may see daylie a
comfortable issue of our labours, for
we resigne vp all our affayres, and
the successe thereof vnto thee, la-
bouring in them vnder thy proui-
dence. And now Lorde, we praye
thee for our neighbours rounde a-
bout

about vs, and for the congregation,
where we enioy the felowshippe of
this life, with other rich graces of
thine, O Lord bleſſe them all, and
eache familie and perſon, both olde
and young, huſbands and wyues,
parents and chyldren, maſters and
ſeruauntes, gouernors and people,
that eache of theſe in their callinges
being furniſhed with meete graces
from thee, may diſcharge a good
conſcience therin in thy feare. Bleſſe
O LORDE the Magiſtrates of our
towne, endue them with wiſedom,
courage, faithfulnes, & the feare of
thy name, and all graces neceſſarie,
that they executing iudgment and
iuſtice, thy glorie may bee aduaun-
ced, the people may of conſcience
obey, ſinne may bee ſupplanted, and
godlines with trueth may happilye
flouriſh among vs. Bleſſe (O lord)
wee pray thee, our miniſters of thy
word, that they may abound with al
neceſſary graces, fitte for that waigh-
ty calling: let vs imbrace them in
our

our hartes , as messengers sent by
thee for our saluation. Gyue vnto
them strength, faithfulness, grauitie,
wisdom, iudgment, patience, and
courage in dooing thy wyll , that
they may wade comfortablie, and
with a good conscience, through all
daungers : make their labours fruit-
full, in the hearts of the people, con-
uert or confounde all that rise vp a-
gainst wholesome doctrine, reforme
the disobedient, keepe them in thy
trueth that are called , increasinge
their faith and obedience, and ga-
ther home daie lie some soules into
thy folde, that the people being tur-
ned vnto thee , thou maiest haue
praise. Preserue O Lorde, this our
Towne from inward perrills of the
soule, and outward of the body, bee
thou our watchman, and tower of
defence frō al enemies, that our sins
betray not our peace: keepe vs by sea
& by land in blessed safety, & let vs
not forget to praise thee for it : cōti-
nue thine holy ordinance of teach-
ing

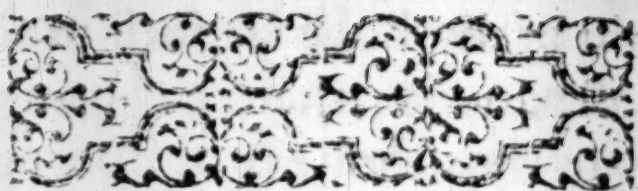
ing ô Lord among vs euermore, let
vs neuer want that blessed & soue-
raine meanes of our saluation, and
giue vs grace hartily, reuerently, &
faithfully to regarde thy seruants &
thy heauely doctrin brought by the
so as both they & we may in ourly-
ues expresse the fruit of thy word, fee-
ling effectually the power therof cō-
ueried into our soules, to the tho-
row reforming of the whole mā that
we may stand assured of thy mercy
& pardon of our sins through faith,
may be multiplied with al spiritual
graces, directed, kept & cōtinued to
the ende in al happy waies, so as our
own soules may reape perfit cōfort,
others may be edified, & turned vn-
to thee, thy self maist receiue glory,
honor & eternal praise in Christ Ie-
sus: and now lord, we most earnestly
intreate thee for our whole lande, &
principallye, for our moste gracious
Queene Elizabeth, ô lord giue her a
long, a prosperous, a godly, & a hap-
py raign ouer vs, cōfounding all her
enemies,

safeguarding her royall person, enri-
ching her soule with all heauenlye
graces vnto saluation, that the go-
uerning happilie on earth, may
raigne euerlastingly in heauen with
thee. Blesse her right honourable
Counsellors, and all inferiour Magi-
strates, directing their counsels, con-
sultations and governments, to the
aduauncing of thy glory, and the
good of thy Church. Blesse all the
Ministers of thy holie worde, that
they may sincerely discharg a good
conscience in their places, to the e-
difying of thy church through loue.
Yea we pray thee for all our whole
land, and people of all degrees, par-
don their sinnes, leade them in thy
trueth, that they may in peace and
godlines serue thee all their lyfe.
Finallie, Lord we pray thee for all
nations, kindreds, and tongues,
where thy name is professed, for all
christian Magistrates and Rulers,
that thou wylt blesse and defende
them, and keepe them in thy trueth
from

from all their ennemies, cause the
light of thy holie Gospell to shyne
to all nations, that they being tur-
ned to thee, thou mayst haue praise,
comfort the comfortles, helpe the
helples, bee a father to the fatherles,
and a husbände to the wyddowes,
ende the miserie of the afflicted,
confound al enemies of thy church,
and giue to thy people euerlastyng
peace in Christ Iesus. These graces
with all other els necessarie for vs,
and thy whole Church, we humbly
craue at thy maiesties hand, in such
manner as hee hath taught vs,

*saying: Our Father which
art in Heauen.*

&c.



A forme of thanks- giuinge.



WE render most humble
and hartie thanks in
Iesus Christ vnto thy
diuine maiestie, ô lord
our God, for thy great
mercies and auncient louing kind-
nes towards vs & thy whole church
alwayes expresse, namely lord for
thy inestimable & euerlasting loue,
whereby thou hast chosen vs free-
lie in Christ Iesus vnto saluation, be-
fore the foundations of the worlde
were layde, as also for thy goodnes
whereby thou hast created vs to the
likenes of thine owne Image, and
whereas wee and the whole race of
man-

mankind, through sinne and transgression were fallen from thee, into a desperate and hellish condition of condemnation, thou hast againe redeemed vs by the precious death and bloodshedding of thy Sonne, freed vs from bondage, pardoned all our sinnes, and restored vs into fauour, euen with thy selfe, inuested vs into all thy riches, and heauenly treasures, hast called vs by the ministrie of thy worde into a newe life, iustified vs freele through fayth, sanctified vs by thy grace and holie spirit, and so made vs of vile and myserable cayteifes and bondmen of Satan, chayned vnto euerlasting darknes and iudgment, the freemen of Christ Iesus, sette at liberty vnto euerlasting life, & hast giuen vs the earnest of our saluation & thy spirit, whereby thou hast in some measure furnished vs with fayth, knowledge and zeale, working in vs vnto repentaunce and a newe life.

O

O Lord, thou mightest haue left
vs in darknes, and in the shadowe of
death, in error & ignorance with o-
ther natiōs that know the not, thou
myghtest haue deteyned thy grace
from vs, & giuen vs vp to our own
hartes lust, into a reprobate mynde,
with the vngodly of the world, that
shall neuer taste of thy goodnes, that
we might fill vppe the cuppe of thy
wrath, thou mightest haue broken
in vppon vs with thy plagues and
punishmentes, as thou hast doone
vppon some who haue not exceded
the measure of our iniquities, and
mightest haue executed fearefull
iudgments against vs, in the midst
of the dayes of our ignoraunce and
contempt against thee, when wee e-
uer without remorse of conscience,
not knowing like poore wretches
our desperate estate, but yet Lorde
blessed be thy name, who hath spa-
red vs hetherto, and touched our
hartes vnto some measure of repen-
taunce, hast opened our eyes to see
thy

thy truth, hast freed vs from dark-
nes and death, caused vs to taste of
thy word, made sinne lothsome vn-
to vs, ioyed our hearts with the ty-
dings of our saluation, renued our
harts, giuen vs hope of a better life,
and framed our hearts to some loue
of thy children, and to some mea-
sure of holines in thy sight.

O Lord, what mooued thee to al
this but thine owne free mercie? for
which we rēder all praise vnto thee,
graunt vs grace to walke worthy of
these thy mercies, with thankfull
harts all our life. V Vee bleſſe thy
name ô Lord our God, for thy fa-
therlie care and diuine prouidence,
whereby thou haſte alwayes wat-
ched ouer vs, and protected vs gra-
ciously from our cradle, deliuering
vs from manie plagues, punish-
ments, and daungers, which our ſins
had iuſtly deſerued to haue brought
vpon vs, and heaping many vnde-
ſerued benefites vpon vs, thou haſte
truſted vs with health, wealth, liber-

ty, prosperity, freendship and peace,
which all we haue abused, yet haste
thou spared vs. Thou hast set vs in a
calling amongst men, haste blessed
our affayres, prospered the workes
of our hands, nothing hath wanted
vnto vs that might expresse thy
loue, eyther appartayning to our
soules or our bodies, the graces of
thy spirite thou haste in some mea-
sure shed vppon vs, the soueraigne
meanes of our saluation, thy word,
and Sacraments, thou hast richly of-
fred vnto vs, hast giuen vs interest
into al thy riches & treasures, yea, e-
uen into thy self, so as we may with
boldnes resort vnto thee in al neces-
sities in the name of thy son. O lord
this is a happy benefitt, that we may
confer with thy maiestie by prayer,
in all our distresses and affaires, and
may powre out our cōplaints into
thy bosome & be regarded, oh stirre
vp our faith Lord, to put in vre thys
comfortable exercise of our fayth,
euen prayer in all pure manner.

VVee

VVe praise thy high maiesty O
Lorde for all meanes of our salua-
tion, for the comfortable ministry
of thy seruantes the Preachers,
and for thy graces vppon them,
praying thee to encrease bothe the
number of them, and thy graces
& gyftes in them, that theyr labours
becing blessed, thy Church may
flourish.

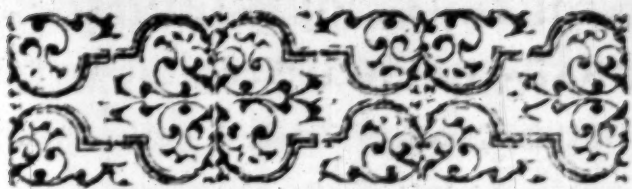
Like thanks, praise, and honour
be giuen vnto thee for all Christian
Princes & Magistrates, whom thou
hast stirred vp in any place, to haue
a care of thy church & Gospell, and
for thy mercie, to all countries that
haue imbraced thy word, that blef-
sed meffuage of health and saluati-
on, and in this aboue all other, wee
thinke our selues beholding to thee
ô Lorde, that thou haste beene gra-
tious to our Land, to place vs there
where thy Gospell flourisheth, and
for that thou hast suffred vs to lyue
in this age, & in such a place wherein
we see thy goodnes & trueth in thy
E.ii. word,

when other nations, yea some other
places of this our owne land perrish
in ignoraunce. We can not forget
O lorde thy louing kindnes shewed
to vs, in bestowing vpon vs so gra-
cious a Princesse as our soueraigne
Ladie, *Queene Elizabeth*, as also
such christian, wise, graue and hono-
rable counsellors, nobles and magi-
strates, louing thy trueth & gospel,
for preserving & protecting so mi-
raculouſlie her royall personne, our
countrie and all estates watching o-
uer vs, reuealing & confounding the
conspiracies and treasons bothe of
forraine and domesticall ennemies
from time to time, hauing heereto-
fore deliuered vs from the captiuitie
and thraldome of the man of sinne,
euen the Pope, restored to vs, peace,
liberty, true religion, christian go-
uernment, the preaching of thy gos-
pell, the safetie of our life, finally all
blessings, necessarie for soule & bo-
dy, thou hast richlie bestowed vpon
vs, for which we can neuer suffici-
entlie

entlie praise thee. VVe thank thee
O Lord for the safety of thys our
towne and corporation where vve
dwell, in preserving vs from all for-
raine inuasion, and incursion of e-
nemies, as also for our selues, our fa-
milies, and charges in prouiding for
vs, who hast continuallie bene mer-
cifull vnto vs, haste preserved vs in
the day time, and watched ouer vs
in the night season, for all these
thinges O God, and whatsoeuer els
that we haue receiued at thy hands,
eyther for our soules or bodies, and
for all thy graces, vppon thy whole
Church, and vppon all nations, wee
offer vppe vnto thee thys our poore
Sacrifice of thanksgiuing & praise,
most hūbly praying the, in the name
and mediation of thy sonne Christ
Iesus, to pardon al our finnes, & the
imperfections of our prayers and
thanksgiuings, & to accept of them
for his sake, in whose name onely
we are bold to present thy maiestye
with our suites. Lastly, wee most

entirelie beseech thee to stirre vs vp
effectuallie vnto all thankfulness &
obedience in the whole course of
our life, quickning our faith, infla-
ming our loue, that we may with al
cheerefulness doo dueties to thee &
our brethren in our callinges, that
we & all thy seruants whatsoeuer, be-
ing furthered & holden out by thy
grace, may growe vp vnto full holi-
nes in thy feare, tyll we all are fully
perfited in the heauens, to receiue
the full measure of our saluation, in
that blessed inheritaunce of the
Saints with Christ Iesus, in the day
of his glorious appearaunce, to who
with thee and the holie spirit, be all
praise, honour, glorye, power,
might and dominion, for
euer more. A-
men.

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A prayer for the Marri-
ners, to be vsed at the
Sea .



Lord, thou most mightie God of all power & soueraigntie, who hast made the heauens and the earth, the sea & all deepe places, we thy poore seruants doo humbly throwe downe our selues before thy high maiesty, acknowledging all our manifolde and heynous sins, crauing entirely pardon and forgiuenes of them all for thy sonne Christe Iesus his sake, & namelic, our vnpreparednesse to thys so holie a ductye of Prayer :

E.iiii.

In-

intreating thy good Maiesty to be-
hold vs in thy fauour, and to receiue
vs into thy blessed protection, that
sith wee are by thee assigned our la-
bours in the mightie deepes, that in
the sweat of our browes, with dan-
ger of our liues, we should therein tra-
uell for our lawfull maintenaunce,
it may please thy good maiestie to
prosper the worke of our handes, &
to guide vs in all our actions, to de-
fende vs from all dangers, eyther of
ennemies seeking our life or goods,
or of the merciles songs and swallo-
wing sandes, or of stormie wyndes,
and raging tempestes, or of any o-
ther distresse whatsoeuer, that bety-
deth such as trauell therein. Thou
mightest ô Lord we confesse, take
aduauntage to make our voyages &
fishings vnprosperous, to spoile our
goods, to betray vs vnto enemies, to
swallow vs vppe in the bottomlesse
Gulfe of the Seas, because wee haue
not feared thee with reuerence, haue
not obeyed thy worde, haue beene
carelesse

carelesse of thy seruice, vnthankfull
for our former deliuerances & suc-
cesse, distrustfull of thy prouidence,
repyning at thy hand in our losses,
forgetfull of thy great and maruai-
lous workes, we haue gathered ini-
quity, and haue beene stayned with
the corrupt manners of other naty-
ons, haue blasphemed thy name,
passed our daies in ryotte, forgotten
thee vpon the shoare, though lately
come out of feareful daungers, wee
haue beene wanton, stubborne, and
vnruely, so as we haue freighted our
Vessels more with sinne, vanity, &
vngodlines, then with goods or la-
ding, so as it is maruaile wee haue
not suncken in the rolling seas, and
descended down to hel, but that thy
mercie hath kept vs. But ô Lorde e-
uen our God, thou that tamest *Le-
uiathan*, and smitest the heads of the
dragons of the deepe, smite our sto-
ny hearts with the liuely sense of
our sinnes, humble vs vnto repen-
taunce, turne thy displeasure from
vs,

vs, deal not with vs according to our
transgressions, but according to thy
mercies, we appeale to the throne of
thy grace, wash vs in the bloode of
thy sonne from all our sinnes, renue
our harts dailie to thy will, & to the
obedience of thy word, that we may
make conscience to heare it with re-
uerence when we may, for ô Lorde
in this one thing, thou hast abrid-
ged those that farre trauaile on the
Seas, & into diuers countries, of the
dailie vse of the ministrie of thy
word and sacraments, which other
enioye tarrying at home, which is
some pettie iudgmēt of thine, to hū-
ble vs, & make vs more carefull. O
lord stir vs vp therefore to the rea-
ding of thy word in our traueilling,
& to such other exercises carefullie
and faithfullie, that we may be zea-
lous of thy glorie, thankfull for thy
mercies & daily benefits, confident
to trust in thy prouidence in alle-
states, patient in troubles, without
murmuring, watchful ouer our selus
that we be not defiled with the cor-

ruptions of other places, yea Lord,
teach vs to auoid all fwearing, dron
kennes, ryot, exces, fornication, ido
latry, contēpt, iniury, deceit, lying,
quarrelling, and all vncleanes, that
both when we are on the seas & on
the shoare we may feare, glorifie, &
praise thy most holy name, gouerne
vs ô lord in our deedes, words & in
our gouernment, as also our cōpany
that they may obey & be subiect to
al christian discipline, that so thou
mightest prosper vs in al our affairs
increasing the fruit of our labors, de
fending vs frō our enemies, frō rob
beries, losses & al daūgers, & finally
bring vs safely to the port & Hauen
of our desire: ô lord make vs truely
thankfull vnto thee for our former
deliuerances & benefits, and if euer
thou shalt crosse vs by any los, hin
drance or afflictiō for our sins, hūble
vs therin, let vs acknowledg thy hād
therin with thankfulness & patience,
that we may therby be spurred for
ward to the reforming of our liues.
Bee thou with vs on the boystrous
seas, ô

ô Lord in thy name wee hoyle our
sayles, and launche forth into the
depe, be present with vs in our trou-
bles and dangers, heare vs & deliuer
vs when we call vpon thee, for great
are the daungers that we sayle in e-
uerie way, but thou art our God, we
trust in thee, oh saue vs, guide vs,
protect vs, deliuer vs, that wee may
still liue to prayse thee. VVe com-
mit Lord our selues, our shyps, our
goods and liues into thy hand, both
this day or night, and euer heereaf-
ter to bee preserved at thy pleasure,
and let vs neuer forget all thy mar-
uailous works. O Lord wee praye
thee blesse all our freendes and kyn-
dred on the land, our wyues, parents
children, masters, families, or whom
foeuer, that are tyed to vs by anye
band of freendship or nature in the
Lord. Finally, Lord wee pray thee
frame our soules to all duties of ho-
lines towards thy maiesty, increa-
sing all true fayth, feare and loue in
vs towardes thee, inflaming our
harts

hartes with all christian loue to our
brethren for thy sake. These things
if thou shalt performe vnto vs O
Lord our God, wee shall neuer for-
get to praise and magnifie thy holy
name therefore. These things ô lord
with all other graces necessarye for
vs, for thy whole church, for all na-
tions, people, and for all our brethrē,
and for all degrees, wee hūbly craue
the same at thy maiesties hande, in
the name & mediation of thy son
Christe Iesus, saying as hee hath
taught vs. *Our father which art
in heauen, hallowed be
thy name. &c.*

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O Lord increase our sayth
and obedience toward thee
and thy worde. Amen.